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Trump signs measure to extend funds for Sept. 11 responders

The Never Forget the Heroes Act approves federal funding through 2092.

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Calling emergency first responders "heroes," President Donald Trump on Monday signed into law a measure authorizing permanent benefits for police, firefighters and others suffering from illnesses connected to their work reacting to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

The legislation, known as the "Never Forget the Heroes Act," approves federal funding through 2092 for an estimated 18,100 people who are likely to qualify for benefits, according to government estimates.

First responders who rushed to the site of the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York following their destruction in the Sept. 11 hijacked plane attacks, and others who worked for months cleaning up, were exposed to toxic chemicals despite early government statements that the site was safe.

The fund compensates those people, or their relatives if they have since died, for economic and other losses. Trump hailed the men and women who rushed to the site in hopes of rescuing survivors and finding remains of victims.

> **"I was down there also, but I'm not considering myself a first responder, but I was down there."**
>
> Donald Trump

"Today we come together as one nation to support our September 11 heroes, to care for their families, and to renew our eternal vow: never, ever forget," Trump told a crowd at a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, which he said included more than 60 of the first responders.

Without the legislation, passed in the Senate last Tuesday, victims would have seen reduced benefits because of a lack of funding.

The attacks on the United States using four hijacked planes killed more than 2,900 people and injured over 6,000. Of those, more than 2,600 people were killed in New York.

The former New York businessman said he visited the World Trade Center site in the aftermath.

"I was down there also, but I'm not considering myself a first responder, but I was down there," Trump said.

The remark drew the ire of some Twitter users who recounted Trump's comments at the time on the towers' destruction, including one on WWOR-TV about a 72-story building he said he owned in Lower Manhattan — "and now it's the tallest."

Lawmakers attended the ceremony along with former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who was in office at the time of the attacks and was praised for his leadership then. Giuliani is now an attorney for Trump. REUTERS

Two US service members killed in Afghanistan

2 Two U.S. service members were killed in Afghanistan on Monday, the NATO-led Resolute Support mission said in a statement, as the United States seeks to reach a negotiated end to the nearly 18-year-old war. It gave no further details and withheld the names of the service members until next of kin were informed. The incident brings the number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan this month to three and at least 11 in 2019. A U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that according to initial information it was a "green-on-blue" attack. Insider attacks, often known as "green-on-blue" attacks, in which Afghan service members or attackers wearing Afghan uniforms fire on U.S. or coalition troops, have been a regular feature of the conflict in Afghanistan, although their frequency has diminished in recent years. REUTERS

Canadian air force in search for fugitive murder suspects

3 The Canadian air force has been called in to northern Manitoba, where two teens suspected of three murders were thought to have been last seen, police said on Monday, as the chase entered a second week. Kam McLeod, 19, and Bryer Schmegelsky, 18, were believed to have been seen on Sunday outside York Landing, a community of fewer than 500 people, 55.92 miles south of Gillam, Manitoba, where search efforts were previously concentrated. The sighting is believed to be the first one in several days of the two, who were first reported missing on July 19 in British Columbia, but were later described as suspects in the killing of Chynna Deese, a 24-year-old American, and her Australian boyfriend, Lucas Fowler, 23. Police charged McLeod and Schmegelsky last week with second-degree murder in the death of Leonard Dyck, 64, a Vancouver botany professor. REUTERS

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Bankroll Gambino, 21, pictured in a YouTube video in May 2019. VIA YOUTUBE

Rapper killed in drive-by shooting IDed as Bankroll Gambino

Gambino was gunned down while filming a promotional video for his upcoming single.

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The man killed in a drive-by shooting on Sunday in South Philadelphia was identified as 21-year-old rapper Ezrah Weah, who goes by the stage name Bankroll Gambino.

Police said Weah was shot in the head and died at the scene during the shooting, which took place as the rapper and a group of roughly 10 people were on the 1600 block of Caroll Street. The group was reportedly filming a promotional video at about 9:15 p.m. when two shooters opened fire from a black vehicle. Five other men, aged 21 to 24 years old, were struck by bullets but survived. One of those men was in critical condition as of Monday evening.

The motive for the shooting was unknown as of deadline Monday, and no arrests had been made. Police believed at least two shooters were to blame for the carnage, though no descriptions were released. Investigators are asking for tips from the public.

"We are hopeful that someone will come forward and let us know what happened," Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross told local media.

Homicide Capt. Jason Smith said Weah may have also been the target of a shooting earlier that day. Investigators believe Weah was shot at while driving his vehicle a few miles away shortly after 4 a.m. Sunday. Smith said a loaded .380 caliber handgun recovered from Weah's body had been reported stolen in 2013. Now, police are concerned about a possible retaliation.

Resident Ivan Escobar told CBS that he called 911 when he heard gunshots ring out Sunday night.

"One was laying on top of the other one. The one that was sitting on top, on the steps, he was not moving at all."

Ivan Escobar

"One was laying on top of the other one. The one that was sitting on top, on the steps, he was not moving at all," Escobar said.

Weah's manager told outlets the men were shooting a promo video for Weah's Aug. 10 single release. The up-and-coming rapper had reportedly filmed a rap video on Saturday, and was known for actively sharing photos and videos on Instagram and YouTube.

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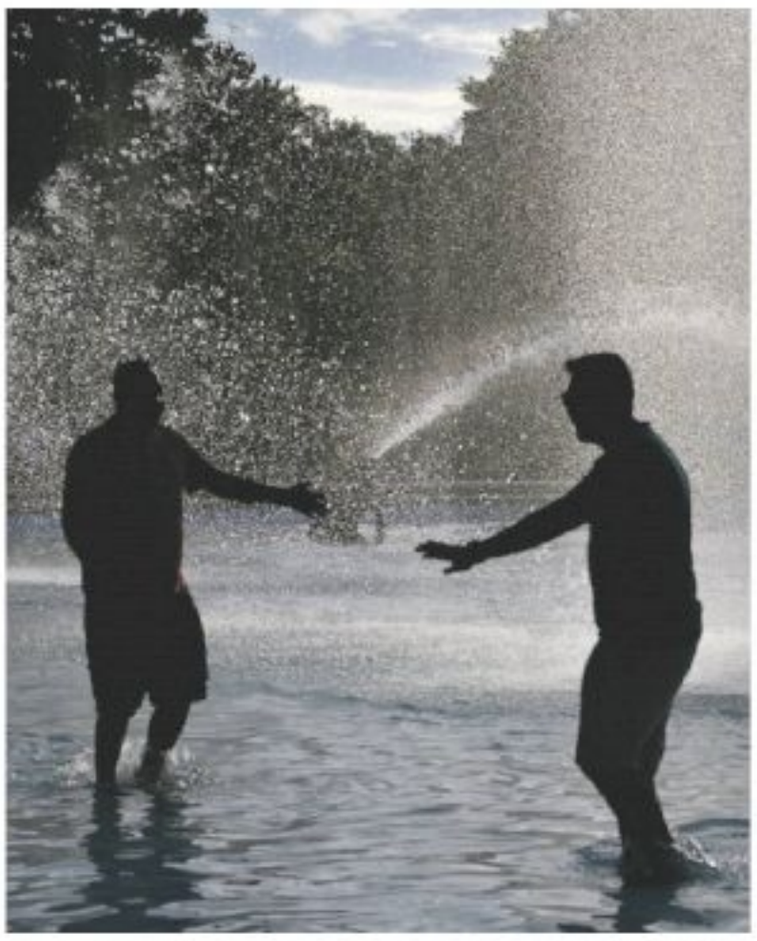

Philadelphians try to cool off during summer heat. GETTY IMAGES

Philly blasted with fourth heat wave of summer

Here's what to expect, weather-wise, this week.

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Philadelphia marked its fourth official heat wave of the summer Monday as temperatures surpassed 90 degrees for the third straight day in a row, but forecasters predict this blast of heat to be short-lived.

A hot weekend bled into the work week, with a high of 93 degrees on Monday. That heat was expected to continue through Tuesday, and finally break on Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service. Until then, high temperatures and dew points were expected to cause uncomfortable humidity.

Tuesday was expected to be mostly sunny, with highs in the low to mid-90s, according to the NWS. On Wednesday, thunderstorms were due to roll in later in the day, bringing heavy rain. Highs were forecasted in the upper 80s to low 90s. The chance of showers and thunderstorms continues through the rest of the week, but temperatures will drop a bit — into the mid- and upper 80s.

A Code Orange air quality alert went into effect throughout the Philly region Monday, meaning air pollution combined with heat and humidity could cause unhealthy air for children, the elderly and people suffering from certain health conditions like asthma or heart disease. These people should stay inside, if possible, and avoid strenuous outdoor activity anytime an air quality alert is in place.

Scorching heat has already claimed one life in Philadelphia. On July 20, a 70-year-old man died in West Philadelphia due to the hot weather, officials said. It was the first heat-related death of the year. According to ready.gov, extreme heat is to blame for the most weather-hazard deaths annually.

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People look on from near the scene of a mass shooting during the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California. REUTERS

Teen identified as gunman at California food festival

President Trump described Santino William Legan, 19, as a "wicked murderer."

California police were searching on Monday for a suspected accomplice of the gunman who killed three people, including a 6-year-old boy, in a mass shooting at a food festival south of San Francisco.

The gunman was shot dead by police officers within minutes of opening fire early on Sunday evening at the three-day Gilroy Garlic Festival, about 30 miles southeast of the city of San Jose.

He was identified as Santino William Legan, 19, according to CBS News and NBC News, both citing unnamed law enforcement officials. The Gilroy police department declined to confirm the reports but planned to hold a news briefing later on Monday.

Among those killed was a 6-year-old boy, according to news reports. Fifteen people were injured, but it was unclear how many were shot or otherwise hurt in the crush of bystanders trying to flee, according to police. One person was in critical condition, a hospital spokeswoman said.

President Donald Trump described the gunman as a "wicked murderer" and asked people to pray for the victims during an event at the White House.

"We grieve for their families, and we ask that God will comfort them with his overflowing mercy and grace," he said.

A second suspect "was involved in some way, we just don't know in what way," Gilroy Police Chief Scot Smithee said late on Sunday, without giving further details.

"We have no idea of a motive," he said.

Police recovered a rifle at the scene, Smithee said.

The gunman cut through a fence to evade metal detectors and other security at the festival entrance, police said.

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> President Trump

Legan, the teenager identified in news reports as the gunman, appeared to post a photograph from the festival on his Instagram account shortly before the shooting accompanied by disgruntled captions. The account only appeared to be a few days old, and was deactivated at some point on Monday morning.

"Ayyy garlic festival time," he wrote in the caption to the picture of people walking through the festival grounds. "Come get wasted on overpriced s—t." REUTERS

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Democratic presidential candidates take part in the first night of the Democratic presidential debate on June 26, 2019.

What to expect from this week's Democratic presidential debates

Twenty candidates will compete for airtime — and meme likes.

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Twenty candidates will face off in the second Democratic presidential primary debate in Detroit this week: half on Tuesday and half on Wednesday. The debates will air on CNN at 8 p.m.

Here's some of what to expect

A Biden–Harris rematch. The most viral moment of the first round of debates came when Sen. Kamala Harris attacked former Vice President Joe Biden about his failure to support school busing in the '70s. Biden seemed taken aback then but may be looking to return fire. "I'm not going to be as polite this time," Biden said at a Detroit fundraiser last Wednesday, according to Politico. "Because this is the same person who asked me to come to California and nominate her in the convention."

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> Joe Biden

A more prepared Biden

The former vice president was criticized by many for seeming as if he hadn't done his homework and for coming off as awkward and passive, at one point cutting himself off by saying, "My time is up." Some contend that his performance reflected exactly that. But Biden held on to his first-place standing in the polls, and he's been hinting he'll be more aggressive this time around. That could mean fireworks or — given Biden's propensity for gaffes — more Maalox moments for his advisers.

Sanders vs. Warren

Progressive heroes Sens. Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren will share a debate stage for the first time on Tuesday. They're largely competing for the same bloc of voters and could drive the evening's discussion of progressive stances on Medicare for All, free college tuition and immigration even further left. But the moderate Biden won't be pressed to respond; he's debating on Wednesday.

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Booker tries to break out

Sen. Cory Booker had a solid but unremarkable performance in the first debate, in which he was part of the solid but unremarkable first evening. In the second debate, he's going head-to-head with Biden and has challenged the former VP directly in the last few days, attacking Biden's role in the 1994 crime bill; Biden volleyed back, criticizing Booker over stop-and-frisk policies during his time as Newark mayor. Look for Booker to aim for his own "T-shirt moment." (Minutes after Harris slammed Biden over school busing, her campaign started selling T-shirts printed with a childhood photo of Harris waiting for the bus.)

More denunciations of Trump's racism

Since the first debate, President Trump has ratcheted up his re-election strategy of racial division, telling four freshman congresswomen of color that they should "go back" to where they came from instead of criticizing his administration, and calling Rep. Elijah Cummings' hometown "rodent-infested" and tweeting that Rev. Al Sharpton "hates whites and cops." The Democratic candidates will likely try to score points early with buzzy condemnations.

Tuesday's lineup	Wednesday's lineup
Marianne Williamson	Jay Inslee
John Delaney	Kirsten Gillibrand
John Hickenlooper	Tulsi Gabbard
Tim Ryan	Michael Bennet
Steve Bullock	Bill de Blasio
Amy Klobuchar	Cory Booker
Beto O'Rourke	Andrew Yang
Pete Buttigieg	Julian Castro
Elizabeth Warren	Kamala Harris
Bernie Sanders	Joe Biden

Some "Hail Mary" moves

The field will almost certainly be winnowed before September's debate, and low-polling candidates may resort to flame-throwing in a last attempt to get some traction. According to the Real Clear Politics average of polls, 13 of the Democratic presidential candidates are polling at or below 2 percent as of July 28. The rest are Biden (30.3 percent), Sanders (15.3 percent), Warren (14.7 percent), Harris (10.7 percent), Pete Buttigieg (5.7 percent), Andrew Yang (2.3 percent) and Beto O'Rourke (2.3 percent).

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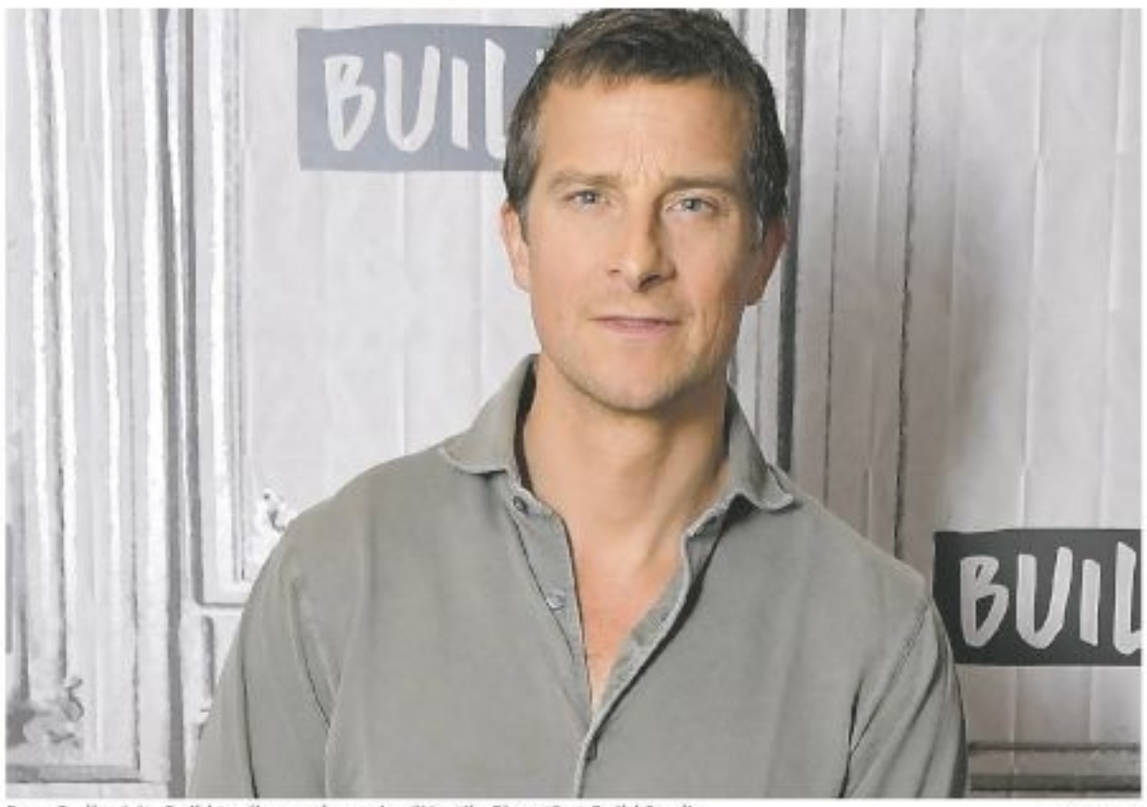

Bear Grylls visits Build to discuss the series "Hostile Planet" at Build Studio. GETTY IMAGES

Indian PM to join Bear Grylls in wilderness

"It's my job to protect you," the adventurer told Narendra Modi.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is teaming up with British TV adventurer Bear Grylls to venture into India's wilderness to raise awareness about protecting nature, the show's host said.

India is struggling to protect its environment and its wildlife, as a huge and growing population puts ever more pressure on its wild spaces.

"People across 180 countries will get to see the unknown side of PM @narendramodi as he ventures into Indian wilderness to create awareness about animal conservation & environmental change," Grylls, star of survival show "Man vs. Wild" on the Discovery Channel, said on Twitter.

A trailer for the program shows Modi, 68, driving into the Jim Corbett National Park in northern India guided by Grylls, with images of a tiger, a herd of elephants and deer running in the distance.

"You are the most important person in India, it's my job to protect you," Grylls tells Modi.

Modi said he had grown up in nature and the program with Grylls was a chance to showcase India's rich wildlife.

"For years, I have lived among nature, in the mountains and the forests," Discovery quoted Modi as saying in a statement.

> **"These years have a lasting impact on my life. So when I was asked about a special program focusing on life beyond politics and that, too, in the midst of nature, I was both intrigued and inclined to take part in it."**
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> Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

"These years have a lasting impact on my life. So when I was asked about a special program focusing on life beyond politics and that, too, in the midst of nature, I was both intrigued and inclined to take part in it."

The show, which airs on Aug. 12, is stirring some excitement among fans of Modi, who led his party to a second straight general election victory this year.

"This is unbelievable. PM Modi knows how to do it," said one Twitter user, Akash Jain.

India, which stretches from snowbound Himalayan heights in the north to steamy tropics in the south, is home to most of the world's remaining wild tigers.

India's tiger count rose to 2,967 in 2018, up a third from 2014, new estimates released by Modi on Monday showed.

More than 1.5 million square miles of forest were surveyed in 2018 and 2019, with cameras in about 26,000 locations and hundreds of thousands of miles covered on foot.

"India is committed to doing whatever it can to further animal protection and conservation," Modi said, releasing the census report.

In recent years, endangered wild cats, including leopards, have come into more frequent conflict with villagers as the animals' habitat shrinks.

Last week, villagers in northern India beat a tiger to death with sticks after it mauled a man, media said. REUTERS

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READER WRITE-INS:

DOLLAR STORE CONDIMENTS

Why do jars of condiments you buy in the dollar store and supermarket have such large holes in the cap? One shake and half the contents of the bottle pour out onto your food. I think these companies do this on purpose so you use more product, faster. What a waste!

— Carolyn, *Metro Philly reader*

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Aries Focus on personal gain, improvement, and physical fitness and health. Don't worry about what others think, say or do. Your life, your choices, so take control.

Taurus Think matters through. If you take action before you consider the consequences, you will have to backtrack. Formulate your ideas and plans, and leave nothing to chance.

Gemini Don't trust anyone asking for too much. If you reveal too much information, it will be used against you. Focus on physical improvements, personal gain and what really matters to you.

Cancer A vital partnership will take a positive turn if you are willing to make a couple of innovative adjustments. Observation will reveal what's necessary and what's superfluous.

Leo Assess the changes going on around you and consider your options. Don't be too quick to make a move until you know you have something else to do that will fill your time.

Virgo If you crave a change, do something about it. Don't wait around for someone else to make the first move. Discuss your plans and put them in motion.

Libra The past will have something to tell you about your present. Learn from experience and take action instead of waiting to see what happens. If someone blocks you, choose a different route.

Scorpio Approach change with intelligence. Do your research and don't feel the need to follow the crowd. Be innovative and come up with your own plan.

Sagittarius You'll have options when dealing with matters that could affect your personal life. Aim to save money, not to spend it, and walk away from impulsive people or unsound situations.

Capricorn A change at home or in an important partnership is best handled with care. Listen to suggestions and try to accommodate the people you love or want by your side.

Aquarius An opportunity may have strings attached. Weigh the pros and cons before you decide to take a leap of faith. Your actions should be direct, consistent and from the heart.

Pisces Interact with people who are heading in the same direction as you. Trying to convince a skeptic will be a waste of valuable time that should be used to accomplish your goals. EUGENIA LAST

Fins, fish and plenty of fun

Adventure Aquarium's Shark Summer and brand-new "Baby Shark" exhibit are in full swing.

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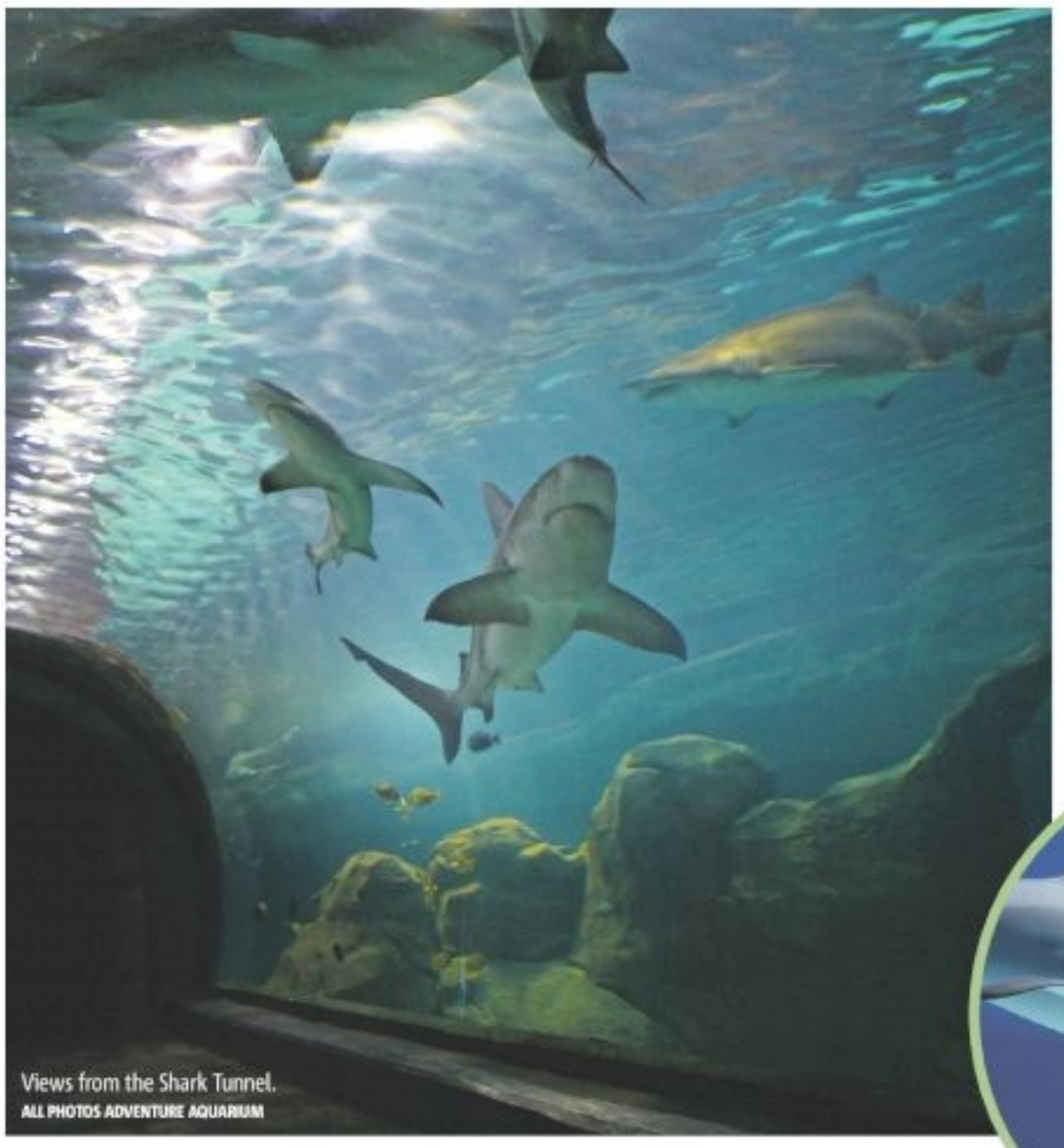

Views from the Shark Tunnel.
ALL PHOTOS ADVENTURE AQUARIUM

It's Shark Week this week, but the Adventure Aquarium in Camden wanted to take a bite out of more. So instead of just celebrating for a week, the Aquarium will be celebrating all summer long, and everyone is invited out to dive into their Shark Summer.

Shark Summer kicked off last week with behind-the-scenes activities with baby sandbar sharks and even a shark-themed Sips Undersea Happy Hour. But there is still plenty more to experience.

This weekend, take the whole family to the Aquarium for their third annual Shark Conservation Weekend. Philadelphians can adopt their own shark, hop in the water to participate in a "Shark and Ray Encounter," spin the Aquarium's prize wheel for a chance to win a special prize and much more. According to a release, a portion of the proceeds this weekend will benefit the Aza Safe Shark and Ray Conservation Action Plan and Ocearch. Also, as a bonus, the first 400 customers who head to the Aquarium this Friday (Aug. 2) will also receive a giveaway of a commemorative Discovery's Shark Week shark fin foam.

If you can't make it out to Camden to enjoy Shark Summer this weekend, don't sweat it. There will be plenty of fin-filled fun events happening daily.

The in-water Shark and Ray Encounter happening during the third annual Shark Conservation Weekend will also be available throughout the remainder of Shark Summer. Philadelphians can get up close and personal with massive sand tigers, sandbars and blacktip sharks in the Shark Realm — with absolutely no glass to separate you. The brave participants will also get to feed stingrays after swimming with the fishes during this incredible activity as well. Or, if you'd prefer to stay dry while getting a closer look, venture across Shark Bridge (which also happens to be the largest of its kind in the country) where you will be just inches above the 21-foot-deep "Shark Realm" exhibit and all of its inhabitants.

If scaling above or jumping headfirst into a pool of fierce yet friendly sharks isn't your jam, there is a lot more to check out at the Adventure Aquarium.

Guests can meet Anchor, the only great hammerhead shark in the whole country, or walk through the Shark Tunnel where you will have an incredible 180-degree view of Shark Realm, the second-largest exhibit at Adventure Aquarium. Guests can also head to the "Touch A Shark" exhibit to safely touch some of the most exotic sharks in the world.

New this year are the Aquarium's Shark Shows. During the shows, guests can witness how the sharks in the exhibit are fed during the Ocean Realm feed, and then visitors can test their knowledge during rounds of Shark Trivia.

But the biggest draw to Shark Summer is undoubtedly the Aquarium's brand-new "Baby Shark" exhibit. Learn all there is to know about the young sharks and indulge in the exclusive opportunity to see the largest collection of sharks on the East Coast. Guests will truly get a one-of-a-kind experience and learn more about baby sharks, which is a rare opportunity at many other similar institutions.

Shark Summer is happening now until Sept. 2. Check the Adventure Aquarium's (1 Riverside Dr., Camden, NJ) website for times, tickets and more details. To reserve your spot for the Shark and Ray Encounter, visit AdventureAquarium.com or call 844-474-FISH (3474).

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5 TYPES OF MODERN BOSSES

This guide will tell you how to survive — or be happy — within your work environment. **LUZ LANCHEROS, MWN**

DEMOCRATIC BOSS

For this boss the qualities of the team do matter and he or she seeks to maintain the balance in the office environment. Democratic chief generates empathy and make people want to work. "You must show initiative, that's the key. You can also give constructive opinions, but be honest in a more proactive way," the expert said.

CHARISMATIC BOSS

Jordan Belfort of "Wolf of Wall Street" would be the perfect example. Because of knowing how to motivate workers so well, he or she allows for company goals to be achieved much faster.

"Always be prepared for changes, and to do different things. These bosses value the ability to learn to obtain better results," the expert concluded.

AUTHORITARIAN LEADER

This type is the extreme version of a "helicopter." Such a boss sees his employees as "minions" and expects everything to be done without questioning. He or she does not accept any criticism. Nor will this boss recognize good work, therefore discouraging employees.

"Patience is a vital weapon. Keep the boss informed of everything considered important, at least to be able to work properly," Alberto Moreno Alvarez, teacher at CEREM, stated.

PATERNALISTIC LEADER

He or she cares about the employees to the point of helping them with personal problems. "What is the problem with that?" one might ask. Well, this type of leader never delegates, because he or she believes employees are not capable of anything. They are like the decaffeinated version of helicopter bosses, but these ones have good intentions.

"Be kind. You can demonstrate your abilities by being proactive and taking initiative. This will show that you have grown under their protection," Moreno advised.

HELICOPTER BOSS

Are you working for someone who controls everything you do, how you do it and when? Well, this type of leader does not believe their employees are capable of completing any task on their own. Thus, they are constantly checking, making suggestions, hovering above and saying, "I don't trust them," "I'll make it faster" or "I can't leave them alone" — all while at the same time complaining, "I have to do all the work."

"The consequences that helicopter bosses cause are negative. Their behavior hinders the motivation necessary for employees to grow and do good work. In addition, they believe subordinates do not know enough and thus there is no autonomy," Jesus Gomez, expert at CEREM, explained to Metro. "The best way to deal with it is to talk with such a boss and establish a more trustworthy, confident and less vertical relationship."

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Jeff Goldblum and writer-director Rick Alverson on 'The Mountain' and why there are no real happy endings

The two discuss their mind-bending new film dealing with the fight over the human brain.

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"Would you mind if we jump in right there?" I ask this question right as I walk into the room to interview writer and director Rick Alverson and Jeff Goldblum about their mind-bending new film, "The Mountain." The two are eating lunch in the middle of what seems to be a long day of press interviews and discussing why, perhaps, everyday Americans choose to simply not take part in our democracy by not casting their votes.

"I say this a lot, the reason why people in America don't vote is that they're constantly pacified and satisfied," muses Alverson. "They get off work after a hard day and instead of engaging in the world as some sort of nourishment, they're just intoxicated by something that's disposable and they just glaze over."

Given that we were about to discuss a film where the character that Goldblum plays, Dr. Wallace Fiennes, is a traveling physician who performs lobotomies and shock treatment to sterilize radical thoughts within patients all across the States during the good old days of the 1950s, I figured the parallel was too great to pass up. I ask Alverson his thoughts if that is a metaphor that fits.

"I find metaphors in movies and reading into movies to be problematic," says Alverson. "It's very convenient and we're conditioned to do it. Movies since their inception, how they were different from literature, is that they are experiential. You're not supposed to say that's what that means and that's what that means. It's supposed to be for when we wake up, even in our Freudian ways trying to deconstruct dreams. They're first and foremost experiential and visceral. They change us and they inform us and we learn that way. That's what cinema is supposed to do. That's why it's different from a book. It's more convenient for us to read it and say, 'I get it' or 'I like it' or 'I don't like it' and walk out the door unburdened by the thing. I wonder where the value is now? It's almost better to read a book. ... We create images."

Alverson is no stranger to making difficult narratives in his films that could lead to audiences making their own conclusions about what they have seen. In "The Mountain," he believes his desired effect is a little more out in the open for viewers to grasp.

"In my movies, I try to make the metaphors dysfunctional. They're there! There is a blatant, almost silly metaphor in corollary between the lobotomy [and] pacification of populations through disposable entertainment [in "The Mountain"]. I'm not saying all of that is bad, but when you have industries and societies that push the difficult and challenging aside as not worthy of being consumed, as being problematic, as not be nutritious, you wonder what's happening there."

All of this deep discussion about the film has Goldblum on the edge of his seat and nodding in excited agreement. "That's the very clear impact this movie is intended to have," the veteran actor says. "To wake them up, get them involved, get them engaged, and get them, like Martha Graham used to say, divinely dissatisfied."

According to Goldblum, films like Alverson's past two features, "The Comedy" and especially "Entertainment," are the kinds of projects he is most interested in pursuing these days. Films that ask big existential and internal questions without putting a bow on their conclusions.

"We met and I loved what he was saying and loved him," he says of first becoming aware of, and then working on this film with, Alverson. "I kept watching 'Entertainment' over and over again. I thought it was hilarious. I loved it. That's the main thing that I'm looking for now, the director. Script and story are nice, but that's what you look for in a director, to make a good movie. My taste is something surprising and something different and something with politics that I'm in concert with that's meant to disturb, disrupt, shake up, and otherwise appall and outrage."

The film does exactly that, as we follow the main character, Andy,

KINO LORBER

played with a quiet intensity by Tye Sheridan, traveling the country as Dr. Fiennes' personal photographer after the untimely passing of his father. Andy leaves behind the ice-skating rink that his father operated in order to go from hospital to hospital, rolling the dice on which ones will allow them to perform these now-deemed gruesome procedures on patients that simply exhibit eccentricities and desires that are more commonly accepted today. As Andy observes the work of Dr. Fiennes, he tries his best to keep his secret desires as close to the vest as he can. Alverson never chooses to let the tension simmer to its boiling point until the very end, and at that point, viewers will most likely need a decompression drink at the closest bar to discuss the conclusion.

The central theme of "The Mountain" can be argued as the need for old ways dying to make way for the new. But do Alverson and Goldblum believe we are better off now than we were when the film takes place? Are we more accepting of difficult emotions and opposing thoughts?

"We're all living in little halls of mirrors," says Alverson. "Unfortunately, we're more isolated from outside influence and the concept of 'an array of others' now than we were in 1990, because we crave these little bubbles of validation. We're very angry, left or right, if somebody shows us something we feel is wrong or different. It's a strange mode. So I think this idea that we believe in the boundless potential and utopia — I was charmed by Obama, but I do think that we are seeing the dark side of a fantasy that we live in a perfectible world. It is not! We need to deal with our limitations — that's what makes life beautiful. That's what forms the contours of your hand. We want to say everything is possible, and it's not possible. ... We are pushing at the seams of the possibilities and the capacities of the Earth because of our dreams and our inability to look at the realities, limitations and beautiful finite."

This conversation makes Goldblum think of the arguments made by famous historian Yuval Noah Harari in such books as "Sapiens" and "Home Deus," where he discusses the detriment of creating these fantasy endings when they are unrealistic in almost every aspect of life.

"He talks about the major religion of the last century, which is 'Humanism,'" Goldblum explains. "It's a made-up fantasy where the customer is always right, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and the voter knows best. And if you look into your deepest heart, there is something special about the human being. The human being is divine, not because of something divine, but just because of the way we are possessed of something very special. So if you look in your deepest heart and you listen to yourself, all movies and all stories tell us, we'll come up with a happy answer. The life sciences, he says, are certainly not true. We're not even individuals. There's no free will. The choices we make happen because of evolutionary determinism and something random. And all that must go 'poof' also."

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"My taste is something surprising and something different and something with politics that I'm in concert with that's meant to disturb, disrupt, shake up, and otherwise appall and outrage."

Jeff Goldblum

"The Mountain" is currently screening in select theaters.

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There are few things in life more fun than rooting against the Cowboys.

Betting against the Cowboys is one of those things.

For those looking to put money on Dallas being subpar in 2019, you're in luck — because there are plenty of signs that Big D will have an ugly year, and that this will be the final nail in Jason Garrett's coffin.

Right now at **MetroBet.us/Sugar**, Dallas is even to make the postseason, and their over–under win total is 9.

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Recent history suggests that Dallas will take a step back this season as there hasn't been a repeat division winner in the NFC East in 15 years (2003-04 Eagles) and the Cowboys have been up and down year-to-year under Garrett. Here is the Cowboys' record year-to-year under "The Clapper."

2011: 8-8
2012: 8-8
2013: 8-8
2014: 12-4
2015: 4-12
2016: 13-3
2017: 9-7
2018: 10-6

As you can see, there was that three-year period of mediocrity to start the Garrett era, followed by some wild swings.

Last year's division-winning team caught lightning in a bottle by winning seven of their last eight games. And while that type of stretch is impressive, for sure, it should be pointed out that four of those wins came at the hands of teams that didn't make the playoffs.

Also, their only loss in that stretch was a brutal 23-0 blanking at the hands of the Colts.

There is also a boatload of old-school Dallas drama surrounding the Cowboys during training camp right now as all three of their biggest offensive stars are coveting a new contract (Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott, Amari Cooper).

Taking a look at their strength of schedule (14th), it's boosted by the fact that they play the AFC East and have multiple games against the Giants and Redskins.

But there are several non-division games that look like "Ls" as of now:

At Saints Week 4
At Patriots Week 12
At Bears Week 14
Home vs. Rams Week 15

Pretty rough that three of those games are on the road.

Throwing down some cash here that Dallas will come in just under the nine-win mark in 2019.

***The play: $10 on Cowboys Under 9 wins -125 at* MetroBet.us/Sugar**

TWEET OF THE DAY

Adam Schefter
@AdamSchefter

Jerry Jones claimed to be unconcerned about the Ezekiel Elliott holdout. "This does not in any way diminish my excitement for this team," Jones said.

Best Bets

Phillies vs. Giants game pick

Two starters who have struggled for most of the season, the Giants' Tyler Beede (3-4, 4.85 ERA) and the Phillies' Drew Smyly (1-5, 7.69 ERA), meet at the hitters' haven that is Citizens Bank Park on Tuesday night. Despite the Over looking like the obvious play here, the Under is the way to go upon further review. Beede has pitched to a 2.63 ERA in his last four starts. He's done well to limit the number of walks he's given up in that span to two after allowing 28 free passes in his first nine starts of 2019. No one on the Phillies has even faced Beede, and their lineup is batting a modest .249 in July — 18th in the majors.

Smyly was dreadful for the Rangers earlier in the season, producing an 8.42 ERA. Philadelphia saw fit to pick him up off the scrap heap and he rewarded their faith by tossing six innings of one-run ball against the Pirates on July 21. San Francisco's lineup is dead last in batting average against lefties this year at .231. Giants center fielder Kevin Pillar has faced Smyly 12 times and failed to record a hit in each instance.

The play: Phillies vs. Giants Under

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Scott Franzke and Larry Andersen are two of the best on the airwaves while delivering all the action from Citizens Bank Park. GETTY IMAGES

Like thousands of you, I spent Sunday afternoon staring at the taillights of the car in front of me, both of us inching along at 2 miles per hour on the Jersey Turnpike. Shoobie traffic is a killer. There's no escape.

Except that inside my car, none of it bothered me. For the three-hour crawl, I had the company of two smart, funny, entertaining friends — Franzke and LA.

It's cliché to say, but it's true: There's no simpler pleasure in sports than listening to baseball on the radio.

In this town, that means enjoying Scott Franzke supply play-by-play and — for the home games — Larry Andersen on color.

"Color" is a vast understatement for what LA delivers. It's a symphony of wisdom, humor, cynicism and, when required, biting honesty about the franchise that feeds him.

It helped on Sunday that the Phils awoke from their torpor against the Braves, mashing four home runs in a 9-4 win. But that doesn't really matter with Franzke and LA. Sometimes a loss or slow game will send them off-script, and the broadcast becomes even more entertaining as they jab, joke, or swap stories of their lives.

Scott came north from Texas in 2006, and his slight twang fits the role of baseball announcer perfectly. He's accurate and an easy listen. He knows his stuff. And there's nothing contrived about his descriptions in this ESPN era of pre-rehearsed calls.

Larry's familiar grumble is in its 22nd year in the booth, following a 17-year pitching career (five with the Phils). After a lifetime on the road, he curtailed his schedule in 2018 to call just the games at Citizens Bank Park.

On a side note, I'll give a thumbs-up to Kevin Frandsen, who now handles color on road games. It's tough to fill a legend's chair, especially when that legend still keeps it warm half the time. Frandsen initially appeared overeager and chatty, but has settled into doing a solid job — and Franzke's radio embrace has certainly made it easier.

The chemistry between Franzke and LA is what makes them special. It's born from genuine attachment. I interviewed them separately for a book ("The Great Book of Philadelphia Sports Lists") I wrote with Big Daddy Graham that's coming out in October.

Here's what each guy said of the other:

Larry Andersen: "He's the salt of the earth. One reason we click on the air is the rapport we have off the field as friends. Our families, too."

Scott Franzke: "I can't sell short what he's done for my career. I'm a voice and he's the personality. It was just my dumb luck to end up with such a great partner and a great friend."

Philadelphia fans have not always watched talented teams, but the guys calling the games have been brilliant. Before this duo, we had 22 Phillies seasons of Harry Kalas and Richie Ashburn, both Hall of Famers. Back in the day, Gene Hart taught us hockey. And we're still blessed with Merrill Reese, now in his 43rd season of punctuating Sundays with, "It's gooooodddd!"

They become part of our lives. Comedian Joe Conklin may be alone in earning a living off their voices, but every single Philadelphian musters up a decent imitation of Merrill or Harry or LA.

With LA, it's usually a shot at the umps — brief, acerbic and always deserved by the men in blue.

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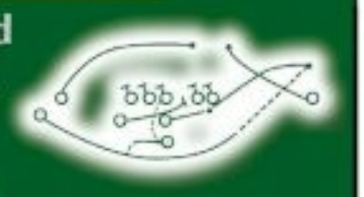

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Mets send Vargas to Phils

The Mets continued tinkering with their pitching staff on Monday night and helped the Phillies.

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Jason Vargas is on his way to the Phillies. GETTY IMAGES

For those waiting for the other shoe to drop after the New York Mets acquired Marcus Stroman on Sunday, it happened on Monday.

The Mets traded veteran left-hander Jason Vargas to the Philadelphia Phillies, as first reported by ESPN's Jeff Passan.

In return, the Phillies are sending minor-league catcher Austin Bossart to the Mets. Bossart is currently at the Double-A level and is slashing .195/.303/.335, though he is better known for his defense behind the dish more than anything.

This season, he has thrown out 35 percent of potential base stealers. However, a lack of offensive promise will make his path to the majors a difficult one.

Vargas had been a trade candidate for most of the season seeing as he could be a free agent as soon as next season. He has an $8 million club option in his deal for 2020 with a $2 million buyout clause included.

The hope was that the 36-year-old would increase his value this season after a disappointing 2018 campaign in which he went 7-9 with a 5.77 ERA, and he has managed to do so.

His numbers as a whole this season won't jump off the page at 6-5 with a 4.01 ERA, but he's stepped up as the team's No. 5 starter since April 30.

In his last 14 starts, he's 5-4 with a 3.40 ERA, but that wasn't enough to get a more promising prospect.

The Mets don't seem to be out of the woods when it comes to trading starting pitchers. It is still unclear whether Noah Syndergaard or Zack Wheeler will be traded before Major League Baseball's deadline on Wednesday.

For the Phillies, Vargas provides a much-needed southpaw in a rotation of struggling right-handers. Behind Aaron Nola, Philadelphia has received little help from the likes of Zach Eflin, the injured Jake Arrieta, Nick Pivetta (who was demoted to the bullpen) and Vince Velasquez.

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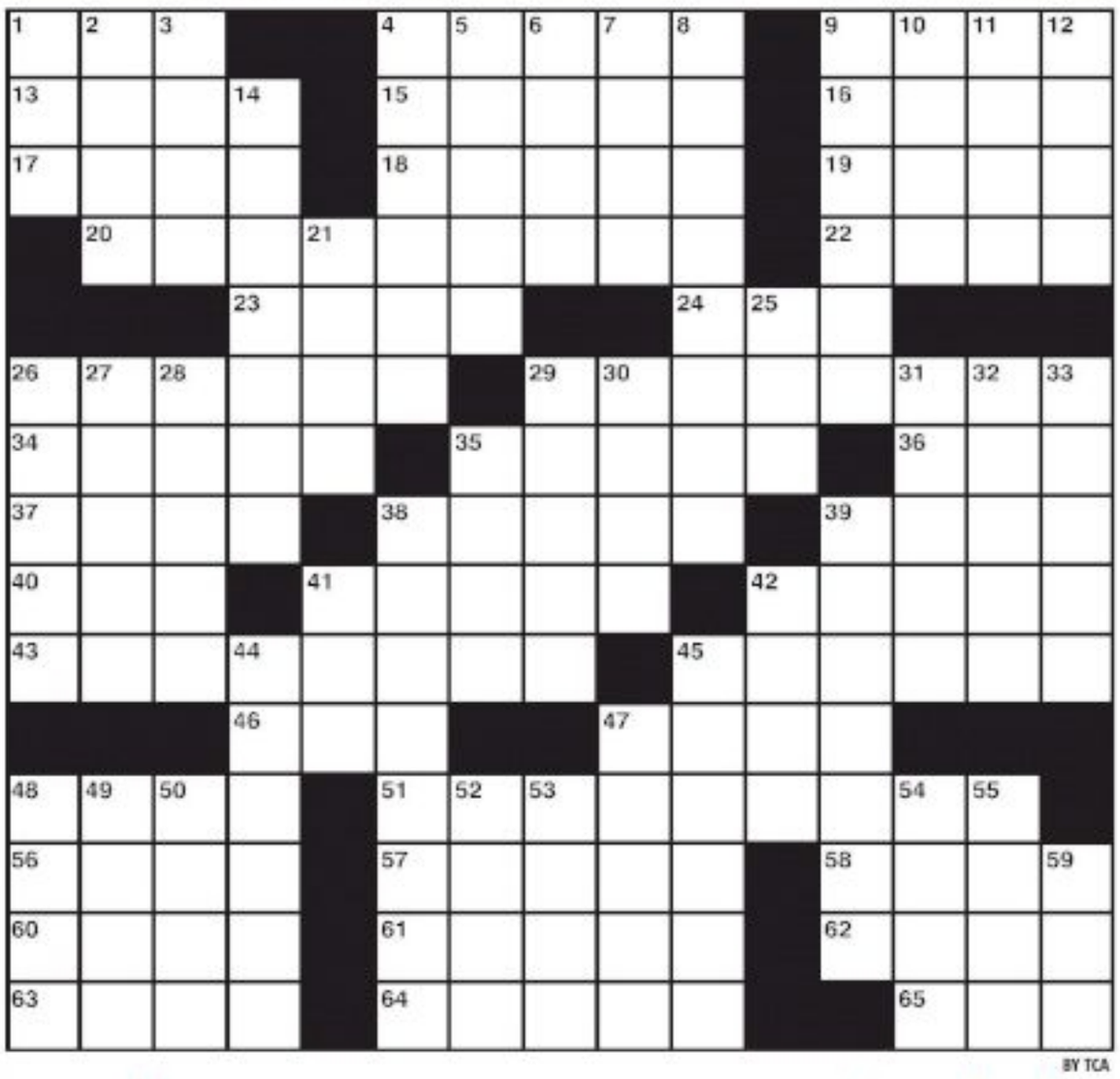

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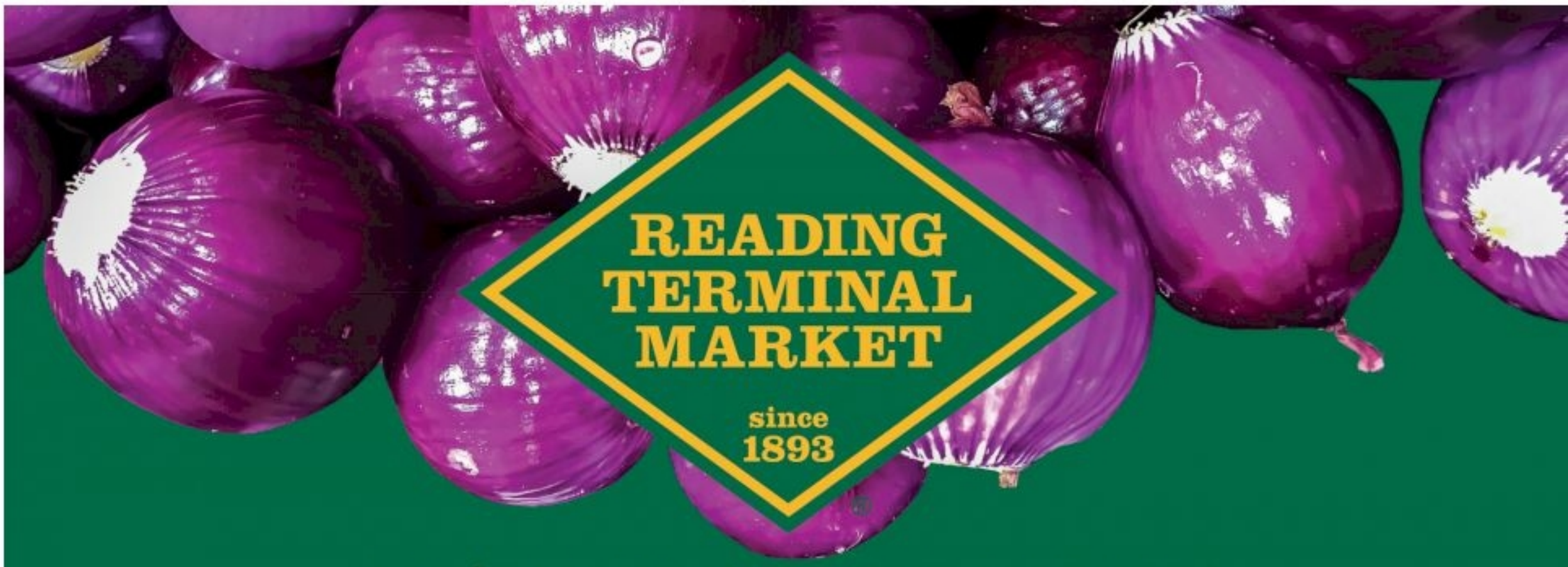

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1/8 teaspoon white pepper	The Head Nut, Jonathan Best Gourmet Grocer
1/2 cup Cotija or Feta cheese, crumbled.	Downtown Cheese, The Riehl Deli & Cheese Shop
Cilantro or sliced green onions, optional	Iovine Brothers Produce, OK Produce

DIRECTIONS

1. Toss corn in a bowl with mayonnaise, lime juice, salt, and white pepper.
2. Sprinkle with cayenne pepper and garnish with crumbled cheese.
3. Add chopped cilantro or sliced green onions if desired.

RECIPE PROVIDED BY ELIZABETH HALEN OF CONDIMENT

ONE STOP RECIPE SHOPPING

WHAT'S IN SEASON

Apples	Eggplant	String Beans
Basil	Garlic	Sweet Corn
Beets	Lettuce	Squash
Blackberries	Melons	Tomatoes
Blueberries	Peaches	
Broccoli	Plums	
Cabbage	Potatoes	
Candy Onions	Raspberries	
Carrots		
Cherries		
Corn		
Cucumbers		

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◆ CHICKEN ON THE GRILL

Stick with bone-in, skin-on chicken pieces for grilling. The skin helps to insulate the meat, keeping it moist.

— Dean Frankenfield from Godshall's Poultry

SUMMER COOKING TIPS

◆ GRILLING RIBEYE, FILET, PORTERHOUSE, OR STRIP STEAK

Season both sides with salt & garlic. Make sure your grill is at a very high heat (450°-500°F). Cook each side for 3-4 minutes.

—Jake Riehl From L. Halteman Family Country Foods

◆ COOKING SOFT SHELLED CRAB

Fried: Whisk together flour, salt, pepper, garlic, & parsley and dredge crabs with mixture. Dip them in an egg bath, then bread with panko bread crumbs. Pan fry or deep fry until golden brown. Serve with lemon. **Grilled:** Cover with olive oil, garlic, salt, pepper. Cook for 2 minutes on each side. **Insider Tip:** Ask John Yi Fish Market to clean the crabs for you at time of purchase.

—Lydia from John Yi Fish Market

◆ CORN ON THE GRILL

At home we love summer corn, & our favorite way to cook it is on the grill. Remove husks from the corn, and prepare a mixture of grapeseed oil and seasoning blend of choice -- don't be afraid to go heavy on the seasonings. Dip the corn evenly in the oil/seasoning blend, & place directly on the grill for about 6 minutes. Turn the corn every couple of minutes so that they evenly char. Top with your favorite herbs, like cilantro, chives, or scallions.

—Vinnie Iovine from Iovine Brothers Produce

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